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"Under the stars, one blessed night,
The Christ-Child came to earth,
And through the darkness broke the light
Of morning at His birth.
And sweet hosannas filled the air,
And guardian angels watched Him where
The virgin mother knelt in prayer,
Under the stars one night."

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Haven't you, many a time, in preparing Christmas gifts, longed in the largeness of your love to give your friends something exceptional, and finally settled down—with a sigh, perhaps—to the purely practical, all-the-year-round serviceable articles, to discover that those were just what they needed and preferred? You wrapped your gifts in tissue, tied them with tinsel, tucked in a sprig of holly and sent them off "With love," to be sure, which was glorification enough; but how you did want to be extravagant! The Editor longed to have a special cover, seasonable illustrations, timely stories, poems, articles, in this number of *THE MISSIONARY HELPER*; and yet, is there any more practical gift to us as Christian workers than the glimpse given by Prof. Anthony of our Bengal Field? or a more beautiful manifestation of the Christmas spirit than that dedication of a little chapel in India, built by a mother in memory of her son, where, for the first time, a small band of native Christians partook of the Lord's Supper? Had there been no Christmas, there would never have been such a tender love story, in the midst of Hinduism, as that of Juja and Raimone, set in our own Sinclair Orphanage, with all it signifies of loving sacrifice in America and India—the outward and visible sign of the indwelling Christ in many hearts. The Shut-ins and Juniors and Little Light Bearers—bless them always and everywhere!—must have their regulation Christmas. The most of us find it, in spirit, in all that helps the world to be better and happier. . . . Miss Gowen writes, "The work at Kusudiha is beautiful, those new Christians are so strong in their faith. When their day's work is done they gather together and read the Bible and pray. It is as good as a Chapman revival to see and hear them. There are no weak spots in their faith, they have all suffered for their Lord." She writes, also, that Mrs. Mary B. Wingate's poem, "Look to the Hills," which we hope to pass on, later, has been translated into Oriya and a tune found for it. Our new subscribers will be glad to be told that Miss Coe—who sends greetings to all her unknown friends in the W. M. S.—is supported by the young people of Ohio. A sketch of her life appeared in the January number. Let us pray especially that the Christmas love and peace may enfold our Treasurer, Miss DeMeritte, who is still ill at her home in Dover, N. H. Send all communications regarding the work, for the present, to Miss Porter. . . . Our national Corresponding Secretary and New

England Field Agent, Miss Fenner, made a very successful tour in Maine early in November, speaking at the Woman's Missionary meeting of the York County Conference, held at Hollis; before the auxiliaries of Biddeford and Saco,—occupied the pulpit Sunday morning at Dexter; and spoke to a group of girls in Portland. Miss Fenner brings to our auxiliaries just what is most needed: definite information about the various phases of our work, inspiration to do it all in the right spirit and most effective manner, and a winsome personality which appeals to every one who hears her. We wish it were possible for her to visit every church in New England. . . . The Quarterly Meeting of the Federation of Women's Church Societies of Providence was held in October. Mrs. Stanton, President of our Rhode Island W. M. S., and Miss Fenner, gave addresses. The motto of the federation, "A work for every woman and every woman at work" might well be adopted by all societies. . . . Our "In Memoriam" is sadly long, this month, and includes many notable names, all of active workers whose loss is keenly felt somewhere. Mrs. A. A. McKenney of Minnesota was for years a national officer and Secretary, for the West, of the W. M. S. She was faithful unto the last and the inspiring story of some of the remarkable results of her work may be found in the F. B. Cyclopædia and in the History of the F. B. W. M. S. Wildie Thayer, the gifted writer, was well known to *Star* readers, and her beautiful spirit illumines a volume of verse. Mrs. Dr. Ward was an efficient helper, and the mother of Mrs. Mary Ward Phelps, missionary in Japan. Mrs. Smith was a power in the Tioga Co. Q. M. of Pennsylvania. What finer tribute can we pay our departed comrades than to carry on with enthusiasm the work they loved. . . . A letter has been sent out from our General Subscription Agent, Miss Andrews, to local HELPER Agents. Will you please read it carefully, and act upon its excellent suggestions promptly? Out of the many letters received, last month, expressing appreciation of our magazine, we select the following, from a young woman of N. H., "How interesting and enthusing our November HELPER is! The portraits bring us face to face with our leaders and workers. I have most thoroughly enjoyed it, for every page brings the 'old message ever new'." And this from a Western worker: "The HELPER grows better all the time, and it seems the strongest influence left to Free Baptists to hold us to each other." A R. I. clergyman writes, "Long may the HELPER flourish."

Characteristics of Our Bengal Field

BY PROF. ALFRED WILLIAMS ANTHONY, D. D.

As I look back at my visit to our Bengal Mission field, now almost two years away, the following characteristics stand out prominently:—

1. The stations of our field are for the most part easily accessible. One railroad runs northeast and southwest through the field, another east and west through its northern portion. Where these lines cross is Khargpur, a railroad center, growing in population and importance. South of Khargpur are Santipore, Jellasore, Contai, Balasore, Bhadrak and Chandbali. North of Khargpur are Midnapore and Bhimpore. Bhimpore is twenty miles northwest of Midnapore in the jungle, a ride usually by bullock cart, requiring either all night or all day.

Traveling south from Khargpur one would have Santipore on the right, or west, six or seven miles distant, and Jellasore with a station, yet itself about a mile away. Contai is thirty-five miles from the station of Contai Road, toward the sea, eastward, a journey taken at night in about ten hours by camel cart. Balasore lies directly on the railroad, indeed on both sides of it, the largest city of the district. Farther south is Bhadrak, three miles off of the railroad; and Chandbali, over thirty miles from Bhadrak to the southeast, without good roads or water ways, is the most distant and most isolated of all of the stations. The easiest route of approach to Chandbali is by steamer from Calcutta, plying once or twice a week, according to the season, a distance of approximately two hundred miles. With the exception of Chandbali, communication between the stations is comparatively easy and inexpensive. In this respect the Bengal field is much more favorably circumstanced than any of the other fields which I visited.

2. The mission property makes a most favorable impression. The bungalows and buildings at Balasore and Midnapore, the most important of all the stations, are numerous and substantial. The grounds also impress one as large and spacious. At Balasore, for example, there are no less than four large tracts of land occupied by mission buildings, and two or three smaller pieces used for book rooms in the more crowded portions of the city. On one large tract of land is the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hamlen, the High School, the Industrial School, the Boarding House for Boys and other buildings. It makes the impression of comprising ten or a dozen acres. Another tract, not so large, at considerable

distance, accommodates the Sinclair Orphanage, the Widows' Home, and the Girls' Boarding House. This was the residence, at the time of my visit, of Miss Barnes, Miss Coe, and Dr. Mary Bacheler. Between these two pieces of property lie two others of fairly good size; the one nearer to the Hamlens' home accommodating the church, the residence, often called the Coldren House, in which Miss Gowen and her assistants live, and the Boys' School; the other, adjoining the Post Office, accommodates



MISSION HOUSE AT SANTIPORE. HOME OF MISS BUTTS

the kindergarten. I mention these pieces of property somewhat in detail in order to suggest their ample dimensions and their somewhat wide distribution; and I speak of Balasore because it is both the largest mission station, in point of missionaries in service, and was also the first which I visited. The other stations, while not so large, save in the case of Midnapore, have in almost every instance grounds and buildings showing space and permanency.

At Bhadrak are the poorest and smallest buildings. The main buildings are two in number, a mission residence and a schoolhouse. These are both what are termed "cutcha," that is, built of mud and plaster with

a thatched roof, and not of stone or brick. But at Bhadrak there are two pieces of ground, both desirable for mission purposes; one on a side street yet close to the centre of occupation, on which the buildings stand; the other on the main highway, adjacent to the market place, a large tract containing a great reservoir, or "tank" at the rear. No missionary has been stationed at Bhadrak for several years; but the station has been in charge of a native preacher or superintendent. When it is next occupied substantial buildings, "pucca," as they would be termed in the East, should be erected on the larger lot by the market place.

The land at Contai struck me as the least desirable, although the buildings there are good; but the soil is sandy and is blown and drifted by the wind. The location, also, while not far from the bazaar, is nevertheless, a little to one side. At Jellasore a fine, well-arranged, property is falling into decay, because no missionary is in residence, and it has been found that the location is not altogether healthful. At Midnapore, Khargpur, Santipore, and Bhimpore, property appears altogether desirable, both as to location, size, and quality, whether of soil or construction. One might desire at Khargpur a somewhat larger area for the English work, although in a city, laid out for the most economical and efficient housing of an expected large population, the lots acquired are of good size. The native work in the northern part of the city requires more land and better buildings. The entire impression, however, of property conditions is altogether favorable.

3. The population of the Bengal Field is somewhat more than four millions of people. They are a people difficult to reach, for Bengal is a stronghold of Hinduism. Down through the entire length of the Midnapore and the Balasore districts, a hundred miles farther south to Puri, extends the famous Puri or Jugganath Pilgrim Road, over which for many generations fanatical devotees, practicing various forms of self-inflicted torments, have wended a weary way, dying by the roadside, in time of pestilence and famine, by the scores and hundreds. The Pilgrim Road is still there and has its frequenters; but the railroad, following nearly the same course, is now the chief means of travel and conveyance. This testimony of religious zeal and fervor has been given throughout the region for many long years.

The people of this portion of Bengal comprise a mixed and somewhat cosmopolitan class. Caste is rigidly observed. The higher castes are in larger numbers than in some other parts of India, than in the

Telugu Field, for instance, to the south, where our Baptist brethren began missionary work in the same year that our pioneers, Phillips and Noyes, came to Bengal; and where they have been blessed with remarkable success. These Brahmins, the higher caste, are well educated, shrewd, strong-willed, and determined opponents of Christianity.

Mohammedans are also found in considerable numbers in this part of the province. They, as everywhere, are intense, bitter, and bigoted. Some aboriginal tribes, toward the mountains, are more easily accessible to the Christian missionary. The Santals to the west and northwest are of this class, more primitive, more simple, more trustful and friendly. They offer today not the hardest task, but the largest prospects of immediate success.

4. For a people traveling upon pilgrimages by highway and railroad, for the most part intelligent and educated, the use of literature as a missionary agency seems particularly desirable, indeed necessary. It was gratifying to learn that the missionaries, when on tour through the neighboring villages, sold and distributed large numbers of tracts and portions of Scripture; that they sent out native preachers, evangelists and Colporters with supplies of books and other forms of literature; and that in some instances, as at Balasore, students in the High School and members of the Christian Endeavor Society met almost every incoming train with supplies of Christian literature, which they sold along the station platform from compartment to compartment to the travelers journeying through the place. When one bears in mind that in India a railway train stops usually fifteen or twenty minutes, or even half an hour, the opportunity for such sale of literature is too good to be lost.

Significant of the importance of the distribution of literature in this field is the gift of sums of money several times from the estate of Mrs. H. C. Phillips, "Mother Phillips," as she has lovingly been called, under the direction of her daughters, who themselves were born in India and have served as missionaries, for the erection and equipment of Book Rooms, both at Midnapore and Balasore. These gifts are expressive of a united conviction in the Phillips family, than whom no witness of the needs of this portion of Bengal could be more weighty, that the distribution of literature is one of the most important agencies for the spread of Christian truth.

TO BE CONCLUDED

Juja and Raimone

A SINCLAIR ORPHANAGE LOVE STORY

What do you think was the best and most exciting thing that happened while Mrs. Frost, Miss Goodrich, and I were in Darjeeling in July? You could never guess, for it had nothing to do with vacations, or mountains, or anything of the kind. It was a letter from Miss Barnes that began like this:—"Oh, what do you think? I knew at midday and can hardly wait to tell you." And then followed the news of a real love match. It was so sweet a story that I hardly knew whether to laugh or to cry; but I am sure that I want to share it with some one.

Love stories are not so common in our experience. It doesn't seem strange to us to have a man just ask for *one* of our girls—*anyone* that we think suitable; and in most cases the first conversation between the two takes place after engagement. Consequently Miss Barnes gives her daughters in marriage with fear and trembling, and often her American spirit rebels. She has been known to speak right out at a formal engagement, and say with tears in her eyes, "I don't want to give her; but I suppose I must." But this engagement has been different; and all who know the two—Juja and Raimone—are glad, and say, "It will be well."

Juja is the driver of the "Ark"—that is, the old black bullock cart in which the Zenana teachers are daily transported to and from their work. It lumbers along at the rate of something less than two miles an hour. Nobody ever complains of the slowness, however, for they finally arrive, do their work, and come home, having had a good social time on the way. Juja is on the best of terms with his lady passengers; and as to the names, houses, and castes of the pupils, he is far better informed than the Superintendent of the Zenana Department. For these services and for some work on the Compound he receives about two dollars and sixteen cents per month. So much for the worldly state of the bridegroom!—but it doesn't introduce you to him in the least.

He became a Christian about four years ago, when Miss Dawson was in charge of the Zenana work; but he had been a mission servant long before that. He has continued living in his own village with his old mother, who still clings to her Hindu faith and customs. You ought to hear him pray for her and his fellow villagers in our servants' prayers. He hasn't learned many of the stock petitions that some of our people use; but he knows how to pray. He always begins formally enough—

"Lord, in this early morning time we are present before Thee. Thou hast kept us in health and strength, and brought us to see the light of this new day"—and that's as far as he gets with the learned phrases. The rest is right from his heart—"Oh, Lord, bless my Mother, bless her, Lord, soften her heart, make her to see. Lord, Thou seest how I am—all alone in that Hindu village. They have fallen into and are floating on the sea of sin. Lay hold on them, Lord. Help me, that looking at me, they may say, 'Yes, his Lord is.' In the name of the Lord Jesus, I ask it, Amen."

He is of a most hopeful temperament and sees things big. When speaking of his mother he always says, "Oh, her mind is greatly softened. She'll come. I have great hope." The old woman is friendly enough, certainly. She and Juja, of their own accord, have got together enough pupils so that I am now sending a Zenana teacher to that village. The old mother is always my guide when I go to visit the scholars.

I could tell you any number of stories about Juja—what a pleasant smile he has, how he loves to talk and tell stories, and how he loves his bullocks. They say he spoils any pair of bullocks for driving, because he loves them too much to strike them or twist their tails to make them run. He can make most any thin bullock fat by his loving care; and,—don't laugh—Miss Barnes declares she once saw him kiss his bullocks good-bye when he was going to leave them.

He always is at the station to meet me when I am returning on the late train, and I always feel that his "Namaskar" is a most cheerful welcome home.

For several years past, we have periodically heard some talk of Juja's getting married. Once or twice he even got so far as to get a spokesman and go to Miss Barnes with a request for one of her daughters. We would all promptly get interested and pick one out for him; but when it came to the point, he would always say, "Let it go." When Miss Barnes first wrote me that Juja had asked for Raimone, I only smiled and said, "Well, Juja has hitched his wagon to a star this time." I was sure the girl would say, "No."

Raimone is one of our grown-up daughters—a little thing in stature. She has been three years or more at a mission hospital in Berhampore, and has passed her nurse's training. I have heard it said that when she first went there, the high caste ladies didn't want her to take care of them on account of her very low caste; but when they saw her skill, they

were glad to have her serve them. She is earning nearly three dollars and a half a month—big pay for a woman—more than any of our other girls, even those who have passed the teacher's training. But, it seems that long before she went to Berhampore Juja knew her and liked her, and she knew it.

This is the way Miss Barnes wrote the story to me: "I went into your study with fear and trembling, and this is how the conversation began, 'You said he was good?' I replied, 'Yes, we think so, that he is good and loving.' Then she said, 'It will be well.' Tears were in her eyes, and I, too, was so glad, for Juja's sake, that the tears came and rolled down my cheeks. We prayed and I told her what I thought she ought to know, that he couldn't read or write much and that he would never earn high wages. Miss Gowen and I watched for Juja that night, and went over together to see him. When I told him her decision he smiled, and said exactly what she had, 'It will be well.'" That was the letter that made me so happy in Darjeeling.

And now the engagement is all over, and Raimone has gone back to Berhampore to work three months before she leaves to be married. Everybody wanted to come to the engagement—the Zenana teachers and the Bible women, all our servants, and the people of our neighboring village. All these, as many as could, came and sat on one side of our long drawing-room; and on the other were the girls whom Raimone had invited. Mr. and Mrs. Frost, Miss Gowen and I were there, and of course, the Pastor and deacons of the church, else it wouldn't have been done properly, according to our church rule. The prospective bridegroom sat on one side on the piano stool. He did look so nice in his clean borrowed shirt! I had been wondering what he would wear for I had never seen him before in anything but his old coat and "dhute."

The Pastor read the story of Isaac and Rebecca, and then asked the usual questions—if it was the wish of each to be married, if Miss Barnes wished to give her daughter in marriage, if they would promise not to write or talk to each other before marriage without permission, etc., etc. Of course they all said "Yes"; and the tokens were presented—a new sari, a bottle of perfumery, a cake of nice soap, a ring, and in this case, a bunch of red roses. That was because some of us had a finger in the pie. Then the bride-to-be went out to don her new sari, and in the meantime the guests were decorated with garlands of flowers. Raimone came back and made her "Namaskar" to the company. There were the

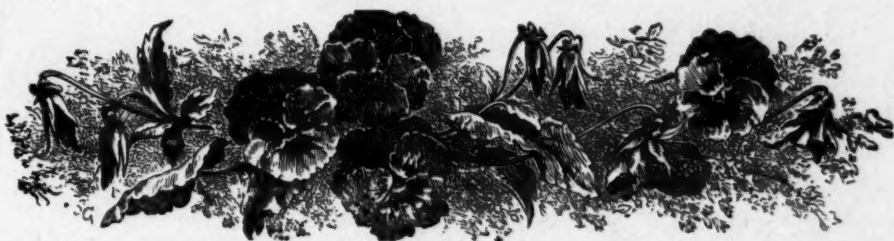
usual smiles, and then came a moment of stillness, during the earnest prayer by the Pastor. Lastly came the serving of jellapies—luscious, juicy, Indian sweets.

I told Juja afterward it was the nicest engagement I had seen in this country. He smiled and said that was because the Lord had given her to him, and I believed him.

Miss Barnes says we mustn't build air castles; but I like to think of Raimone—as I believe she will be—happy and much loved in her little mud house, and using her talent of nursing to minister to all the sick, and the poor little ones with sores that I see in that village. Who knows what may be the influence of the first Christian family there? I begin to feel as hopeful as Juja who always says emphatically, "Oh, they will come—they surely will come."

AMY B. COE.

Sinclair Orphanage, Balasore, Orissa, India.



Memorial Cradle Roll

Clifford Jackson Humphrey, Auburn, Maine.
Forest Edward Knight, West Falmouth, Maine.
Alsen May Bremon, South Portland, Maine.
Winthrop Wilson Cross, Burlington, Vermont.
Ellen Weinhold, Jackson, Michigan.
Eva Margaret Guptill, North Berwick, Maine.
Louise Elizabeth Wentworth.
Ruth E. Mooney, Lowell, Massachusetts.
Clement K. Wilson, Lowell, Massachusetts.

The miracle of Christmas night was possible because God's love was absolute; infinite, unconquerable.—*Charles Kingsley.*

Christmas Letter from Our Cradle Roll Secretary

Dear Cradle Roll Friends:—For more than five years I have been writing to you from the Pine Tree State. Nearly all my life has been spent within its borders. The music of its pines and the ever-changing tones of the restless old Atlantic, as it beats on the rocky shores or laps the silvery sands, are dear to me; but tonight I can hear them only in memory, for your Cradle Roll Secretary has become a "Hoosier," and writes to you from Indiana. The Little Light Bearers of New England, with whom I am most familiar, are far away; but isn't it good to think that, far or near, God's love surrounds us each and all, and that *all* dear L. L. B.'s means not only you and me, but other boys and girls, far away across the sea.

I know you are already counting the days until Christmas. I can see the happy smiles chase each other across your face in anticipation of all that day will bring. Jean Robertson McNary, in Junion Missionary Magazine, has this little poem:—

<p>"Christmas means to me," said Pet, "All the presents I shall get; All the goodies, books and toys That are liked by girls and boys; Friends and fun and frolic fine, With pie and turkey when I dine. Should these things not come my way, 'Twill be no Merry Christmas Day."</p>	<p>Cried Bessie: "Christmas means to me More than toys and Christmas tree. All it brings of joy and mirth Is because of Jesus' birth; So I try to do and say Just what He likes on that day— Giving gifts and merry cheer— And that's why Christmas crowns the year."</p>
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I am sure all the L. L. B.'s will be found "Giving gifts and merry cheer" either to those near at hand or far away.

One little boy, last year, sent a dollar which he had saved himself to Jennie June, one of our Cradle Roll girls in Sinclair Orphanage.

Jennie never had so much money before in her life. I'd like to know what she did with it, wouldn't you?

To the mothers and Superintendents I must tell some of the nice reports that have come to me. From South Portland comes the story of an automobile ride, instead of the usual rally. Six automobiles filled to the brim with babies and happy-hearted youngsters, went to the summer cottage of the Superintendent, where games were played and re-

freshments served. The usual good time was enjoyed by the L. L. B.'s of Portland, Maine, church, under the direction of their faithful Superintendent, Mrs. Hilton. Mrs. Jones of Fort Fairfield, Me., is a very efficient Superintendent, and always has a delightful rally for the little



CRADLE ROLL OF CHELMSFORD ST. CHURCH, LOWELL, MASS.

ones who are fortunate enough to come under her care. One who was there said, "This year's Rally was the best yet."

From Pittsfield, N. H., comes the usual good news from Miss Maxfield, another Superintendent whose heart is in her work. She reports a rally "with over a hundred present—60 little ones."

Summit, Kansas, held their annual meeting on Sunday morning, having an address by the pastor and recitations by the little ones. Ten new members were added, making fifty-nine in all. "The Sunbonnet Babies" was one of the attractions at the rally of the Bruce, Mich., church. "It was fine."

Mrs. Margaret Plummer sends a most encouraging report from the Chelmsford St. Church, Lowell, Mass. A delightful rally was held, at which the little ones had their pictures taken. I'm sure you'll all be glad to see them in the *HELPER*. This Roll numbers 73 and sends an offering of \$25. They are to adopt a child in Sinclair Orphanage—and Gaudie Das has been assigned to them. Isn't that good? What other roll will follow their example? This enthusiastic Superintendent also planned a picnic for the babies and their mothers one beautiful day this fall. Everybody had such a good time, and the mothers had an opportunity to get better acquainted with each other and to learn more about the work. These mothers held a food sale for the benefit of the church, last spring, which was very successful. As most of them cannot get out often, they were very glad to help in this way. To two of these mothers whose little ones have been "Lifted Over," our hearts go out in loving sympathy.

To all of these and many others whose enthusiasm has been an inspiration to your Secretary, I wish to say, from my heart, I thank you. May Christmas bring you richest gifts of more love and greater service.

Your C. R. Secretary,

LAURA E. HARTLEY.

Oakland City, Indiana.

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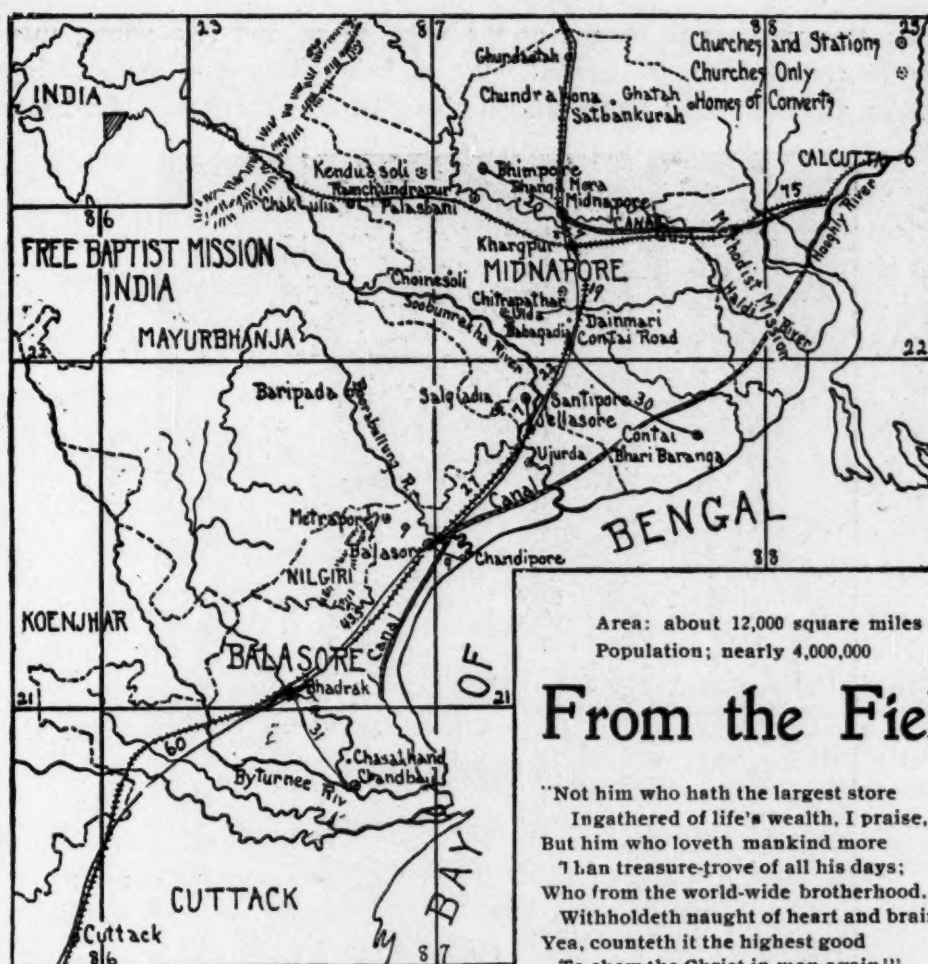
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E. H. R.

One of the Publication Committee.



From the Field.

"Not him who hath the largest store
Ingathered of life's wealth, I praise,
But him who loveth mankind more
Than treasure-grove of all his days;
Who from the world-wide brotherhood,
Withholdeth naught of heart and brain,—
Yea, counteth it the highest good
To show the Christ in man again!"

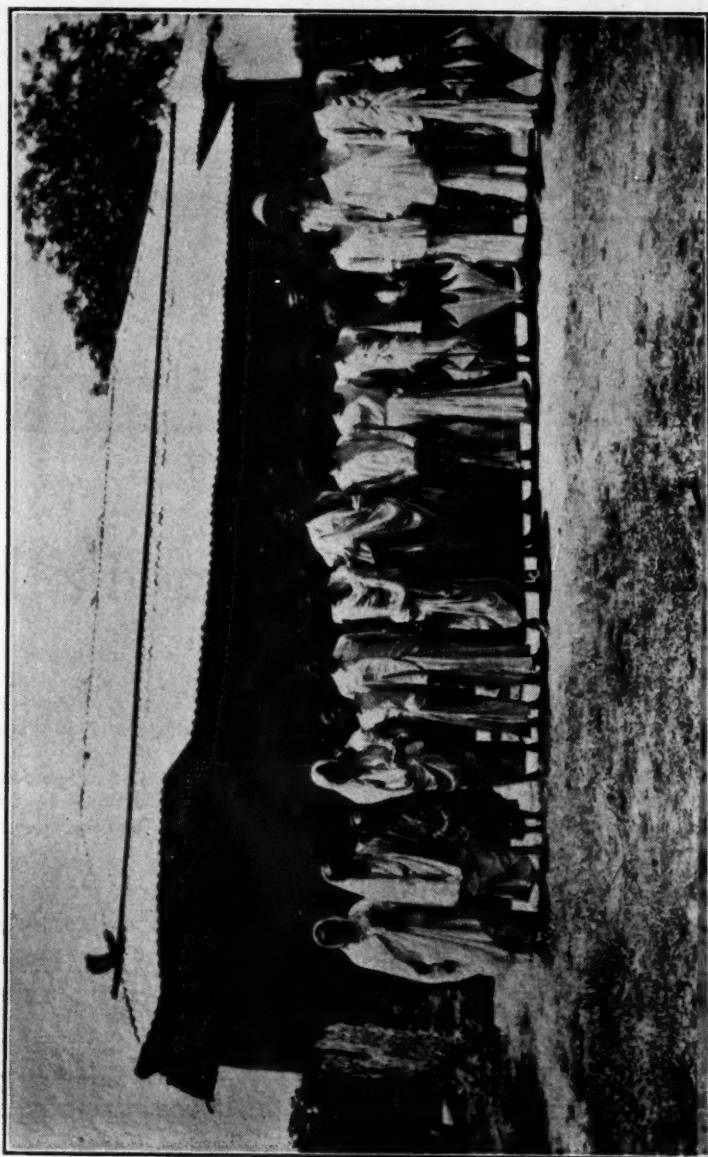
Dedication at Kusudiha

(LETTER FROM REV. G. H. HAMLEN TO MRS. MARY B. WINGATE OF PITTS-FIELD, ME., WHO GAVE THE MONEY FOR THE BUILDING IN MEMORY OF HER SON.)

Balasore, India, Sept. 16, 1912.

Dear Friend:—Last Thursday, the 13th, it was the privilege of a few of us to go out and dedicate the new building at Kusudiha, which is to serve as church and schoolhouse for the new Christians there. The members of the party were Mr. Frost, Natobar Singh, pastor of the church in Balasore, Shrish Fullonton, one of our preachers, Probodh

Nayak, the preacher in charge of the work there, and two young men from the church here, and myself. We all left Balasore, in the morning by train, and arrived at Basta station about 8.20. From there Mr. Frost



CHAPEL AND NATIVE CHRISTIANS AT KUSUDIHA

and I went across to Kusudiha, some four miles, on our bicycles, and the rest of the party walked.

Of course we arrived some time before the others. We found the

friends expecting us, and the house had been decorated with strings of little triangular pieces of colored paper. Only some children were at the house when we arrived, so we rode on to the house of the one Christian family in the place. They were glad to see us, and some of the neighbors came to greet us, too. The day was sunny and hot, and we were glad to sit on the verandah and cool off while waiting for the others to come.

Soon after our arrival, two young men came from a village four miles away, both of whom have been baptized this year, one in January and the other in August. We conversed with them for a few minutes, and also with one of the neighbors. Then the remainder of our party came, and we got a good drink of limeade (like lemonade), for they had brought along water and limes.

After a little time for the others to rest, we started for the new house, which is outside the village, perhaps a quarter of a mile from this Christian home. We had bread and wine for the celebration of the Lord's Supper after the dedication exercises. And all the Christians, including a boy from Betnasia, who was the second one baptized last year, excepting only the wife of the older man in Kusudiha, who stayed to care for the house, went along with us. One Hindu neighbor, and a number of Oraons and their children, went with us also. These Oraons are like the Santals, people of an aboriginal tribe. And it is chiefly their children who are in the new school which is held in the house.

The house is not very imposing, having only earth walls and a roof of corrugated iron. But it is a beginning, and we expect that it will be a means of great good to the people, and especially to the children. There are no benches or chairs, or any other kind of furniture in the house yet, so we had brought along mats and blankets to sit on. These were spread on the floor, and we sat down, and spread other mats for our guests. You would have marveled to see them, for some of the children had on only the clothes they were born in, and most of the men did not have on much more. There were some women, who stayed outside, and peered in at the windows and doors. There was a great contrast between their attire, or rather, lack of it, and the neat clothes of the Christians, even the newest ones.

The exercises were very simple. First we sang two hymns, which the visitors enjoyed. Then Probodh read the 122nd Psalm, and Shrish offered a prayer, mentioning specially the new believers, for whom he

prayed earnestly, that they might know the Lord, and be faithful to Him. Then we sang again, and after that Natobar told the people about Jesus Christ, and why He came to earth. After another hymn, I told them why we missionaries had come to India, and how friends at home are helping us in our work for the people by sending money for houses and schools and the like. I told them something of your son, Mrs. Wingate, and how you had sent money for this house in memory of him. And I explained that the house is always to belong to the Lord, and is to be used for the good of the people there, as far as possible. Then I translated the hymn you wrote as well as I could. I am sorry it had not been put into Oriya, but that is not easy to do. However, I think that our Christian friends understood its meaning, and Mr. Frost, Probodh and I sang it to the tune, "God Save the King." After that I offered prayer, dedicating the house to God and His service.

That finished the first part of our meeting, and we told the visitors that they might go out, if they wished, while we celebrated the Supper ordained of our Lord. After some words of explanation, they all went out, and stood at the doors and windows. They were pretty quiet during the meeting, but were more noisy after they went out. However, they quieted down somewhat, and we went on with the Supper, Mr. Frost taking charge of that. It was the first time that the new Christians had ever partaken of the Supper. There were eight of them, three being absent, not from choice, but one was not well, though he came a little later, and two were women who stayed to look after their houses. It was a happy privilege to sit thus with these brothers and sisters, who have all suffered for their faith in Christ.

This being finished, we all went outside, and Mr. Frost took two snap shots of us all in front of the house. I hope they will come out well.

Then we went back to Bhakta's house, and ate our breakfast. The brethren stayed for a sing after we left, and came about an hour later. After eating, and resting awhile, I discovered that a cloud was coming up, and we were likely to get wet if we delayed. But Mr. Frost had a puncture in his bicycle tire, which had to be mended, and before that was done, the shower came on. Fortunately it did not last long, and after it stopped raining, the brethren started off. In the meantime Mr. Frost and I had had a nice talk with the teacher, Kamini Mallik. She is a grown-up girl from the Balasore orphanage, and is really doing well there, as far as we can see. She says the people treat her like their own daughter, and she loves them much.

After more difficulty with the bicycle, we finally reached Basta, the railway station. There was a lot of water in the path, and we had to push along through that and the sand, part of the way. But we got in ahead of the walkers and were just in time for the train which was an hour late, after all. We got home about dark, rather tired, but glad of the experiences of the day.

We feel much encouraged about the work near Basta, and expect more baptisms soon. I am sure that you will bear these people much on your heart in prayer.

With kind regards, very sincerely yours,

GEO. H. HAMLEN.

In Memoriam

"Not changed but glorified!" O beautiful thought

For those who weep,
Mourning the loss of some dear face departed,

Fallen asleep!
Hushed into silence, never more to comfort

The heart of men.
Gone like the sunshine of another country
Beyond our ken.

How will it look, the face that we have cherished,

When next we meet?
Will it be changed,—so glorified and saintly

That we shall know it not?
Will there be nothing that shall say,
"I love thee

And I have not forgot?"
O, faithful heart! the same loved face transfigured

Shall meet thee there—
Less sad, less wistful, in immortal beauty,
Divinely fair.

—Selected.

Miss Winnifred Wentworth, West Lebanon, Maine, February 17, 1912.

Mrs. Hannah L. Croswell, Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 22, 1912.

Mrs. Bella D. Smith, Chatham Valley, Pennsylvania, September 13, 1912.

Mrs. Nettie M. Hanson, Haverhill, Massachusetts, September 17, 1912.

Miss Wildie Thayer, Lowell, Massachusetts, September 24, 1912.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gordon, Medford, Massachusetts, September 27, 1912.

Mrs. Azuba Wing, Oelwein, Iowa, September 28, 1912.

Mrs. A. A. McKenney, Winona, Minnesota, September 29, 1912.

Mrs. Mary T. Ward, Hillsdale, Michigan, November 2, 1912.

Mrs. J. P. Sanborn, New Hampton, New Hampshire, June 5, 1912.

Occasional Notes

BY L. C. GRIFFIN.

Mr. Griffin and I began work in Texas at Bryan, on Sunday, Sept. 22nd. We were together at Bryan, then had separate routes of work, coming together later at the Quarterly Meeting at Shady Grove.

Up to September 30th I spoke fifteen times, at some places speaking twice a day. The churches visited were Bryan, Kurten, Mellborne, Miliken, N. Zulch, Plainview, Carlos, Keith, Blue Lake and Shady Grove. The work has been blessed. The audiences have been good, the people have been always most kind and appreciative; in most cases the offerings have been good and mission books have been sold and many subscriptions taken for our MISSIONARY HELPER. Many of our people had never seen a missionary of their own denomination before. Many said if our own missionaries had come here years ago we would have been helping the work all this time.

Indeed, I think that Free Baptists in the north have no real conception of the large body of earnest and aggressive Free Baptists here. Free Will Baptists they love to be called, and it is a good old name.

New churches are being organized, church buildings are going up, C. E. societies are starting in the churches, and more attention is being given to Sunday Schools.

On Sept. 30th we received a telegram stating that the husband of our daughter, Frankie Griffin Merrow, in Quebec, had died. We knew that she needed our help, as well as our presence and sympathy, and we went to her. It will be a comfort to us all now to have her and her baby Elizabeth with us in our home.

On Oct. 27th, we were back again in Texas and spoke at Weatherford, the home church of Rev. S. L. Morris, Editor of *The Free Baptist News*. By the way, will not you, who read these notes, send to Bro. Morris at Weatherford, fifty cents for the *Free Baptist News* for one year? You will be glad to know about our churches and work in this region. We could have no more promising Home Mission field than this. As the Bengal Foreign Mission field is especially ours to love and care for, so, why should not Texas and Oklahoma be our especial Home Mission field? Our people here are caring for their own work well. But churches that would soon be strong, could be planted now in many of these growing cities. A few hundred dollars for a short time would do

it and our work would then be put upon permanent living and growing ground. Let us think about this and pray about it.

We go on now, working among our Texas churches until the meeting of the Southwestern Free Will Baptist General Convention at Earlsboro, Oklahoma, beginning Nov. 19th, and we may work on in December. Pray for God's blessing upon this work among these good people.

Barbados Notes

At its last Annual Meeting the W. M. S. appropriated \$200 for the work of Miss Estabrook in Barbados. On receipt of a part of that amount she wrote to our Assistant Treasurer:—"I cannot tell you how relieved I feel this morning, I feel as if I could fly. One hundred dollars of the burden lighter, thank God. Please tell the Woman's Missionary Society how deeply grateful I am. I had feared that I would have to give up the day school, as I could not meet the expense, but your help this year will tide me over.

"I have given Mrs. Stillman of California my special boy, Harold, whom I wish to get over to America next year. [Mrs. Stillman has assumed the support of this assistant for the year.] He is my secretary in the office, has charge of the C. E. meetings and is secretary of the Sunday School."

Mr. B. C. Jordan, of Maine, is contributing the support of the assistant teacher of the school and friends in Minnesota help pay the salary of the head teacher. Rhode Island workers are preparing a box of helpful articles to send to Miss Estabrook.

Do the angels know the blessed day,
And strike their harps anew?
Then may the echo of their lay
Float sweetly down to you,
And fill your soul with Christmas
song
That your heart shall echo your
whole life long.

—F. R. Havergal.

Assistant Treasurer's Notes

Total receipts, October, 1911: \$435.74; total receipts, October, 1912, \$614.83.

Of the personal gifts from Maine this month one is for the salary of an assistant teacher with Miss Estabrook, and the other, "In Memoriam," for Miss Coombs' salary. Eustis Center Sunday School and West Falmouth Helping Hands represent the children's work in gifts for Miss Barnes' salary.

Other gifts of auxiliaries and Quarterly Meetings include yearly dues, Storer's Domestic Science Department and Miss Coombs' salary.

In New Hampshire, the East Rochester Auxiliary sends \$200.00, bequest from Myra S. Young, for Permanent Funds, to be known as "Myra S. Young Fund." Dover and Rochester Cradle Rolls send gifts for the India Cradle Roll. The amount of the yearly support of one of Sinclair Orphanage orphans comes from a Gonic friend who has assumed her support; Somersworth Auxiliary contributes for the Bessie Peckham School in India, and other auxiliaries give for New Hampshire's missionary—Miss Butts—and for the Contingency Fund, while Chocorua's Thank Offering reminds us that in looking through last year's receipts we noted the fact that Thank Offering gifts were received each month of the year, with one exception, and that was the month of December when came the Christmas offerings,—Thank Offerings under another name.

Perhaps in our plans for our gift making this coming Christmas, we will make and carry out definite plans for gifts which shall come under Christ's commendatory "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Included in these are the hungry, the sick, those in want or sorrow, or groping in the darkness of heathendom. How splendid it would be to have the multiplying of such gifts swell December's total into one of Thank Offering proportions.

Collections taken at Huntington and Wheelock, Vermont, Associations are sent for our general work.

We are sorry, indeed, to learn of the illness of our faithful Rhode Island State Treasurer, Mrs. Ricker, and trust that she may speedily be restored to her usual health. The Christian Endeavor Society of Greenville has assumed the support of a Zenana teacher at Balasore, and sends the amount of her half yearly salary. Chepachet Sunday School takes a

share in Miss Barnes' salary. It gives us joy to have these young people in this way join with us in Christian service.

Michigan's gifts from auxiliaries and Quarterly Meetings are divided in their usual way, thus covering well the work at large—Foreign Missions, Home Missions and Educational work. Litchfield and Jackson Sunday Schools each take a share in Miss Barnes' salary; Waverly C. E. sends for support of Dini in India; Mrs. Stone's quarterly remittance comes with its usual promptness, and the bequest of Mrs. Douglas, who was a member of the Jackson church, is divided between Storer College, Sinclair Orphanage, and Kindergarten work, the larger portion being given to the former because, as her daughter writes: "She was greatly interested in Harper's Ferry."

Brainerd, Minnesota, W. M. S. divides its gift equally between Home and Foreign missions. Champlin Auxiliary gives toward the support of its Bible woman; Verona F. M. Society to Storer, and the HELPER shares taken by our President may well suggest to other W. M. S. members a way in which they may express their interest in and loyalty to our HELPER.

Opportunity is always given at Annual Meeting for the taking of HELPER shares, which previous to last Annual Meeting were \$3.00 each, but at that time it was suggested that a smaller amount, \$1.00 per share, would permit a larger number to be represented. To you who were not at annual meeting the opportunity of having part in procuring a larger circulation of the HELPER by the taking of one or several of these shares, now comes.

Mrs. Ashley of Jamestown, Kansas, sends the annual Thank Offering of the auxiliary, with the prayer that it may do some good.

It is the prayers quite as much as the gifts of our Woman's Missionary Society constituency that make possible the work of the society.

EDYTH R. PORTER.

45 Andover St., Peabody, Mass.

"Peace and good-will are on top at Christmas-tide. Discordant notes are submerged by the music of the masses, the cheery, sympathetic mingling of all classes, all swayed by a common impulse and spirit of good-will. But this beautiful, heavenly atmosphere is not for the Christmas season only, it is Christianity's perfume and breath of life always and everywhere."

Helps for Monthly Meetings

"If there is one thing more than another on which missionary interest depends, and for which missionary activity must wait, it is missionary intelligence. Missionary reading means missions succeeding."

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Topics for 1912-13

September—	Membership and "Missionary Helper" Meeting.
October—	China's New Day: 1 China's Break with the Past.
November—	2 The Chinese Woman.
December—	Our Bengal Field and a Wider Outlook.
January—	3 The Educational Revolution.
February—	Prayer and Praise.
March—	Home Missions.
April—	4 The Chinese Church.
May—	Thank Offering.
June—	5 Medical Work. The Printed Page.
July—	Missionary Field Day.

JANUARY—The Educational Revolution in China.

There are already signs that the impending education and elevation of the nearly two hundred millions of Chinese women will impart to the national development such an impetus as has never before been known; and humanly speaking, it will have been largely brought about through the work and influence of Christian women in China.—*Dr. Arthur H. Smith.*

Suggestive Program

OPENING HYMN.—"Tell It Out Among the Nations."

SCRIPTURE READING.—The Teacher's Commission, Matt. 28:18—20; 2d Timothy :2, 2.

PRAYER.

CURRENT EVENTS FROM OUR OWN FIELD.

THE LESSON.—"China's New Day," Chapter III.

Map, charts and black-board statistics.

(This exercise—carefully worked up by a leader, who locates the greatest Protestant schools in China, explains the charts and calls attention to important facts on the blackboard, closing with a quiz—may be very helpful. See hints and suggestions in "How to Use," page 26; charts, etc., pages 57—61. Text-book, page 129, with gleanings from every available source.)

BRIEF TALKS OR PAPERS: (a) The system of intellectual and moral discipline in the classical Chinese education. (b) The steps taken by the government to substitute modern education. (c) The part played by Christian churches in supplying modern schools. (d) The lines on which successful development must proceed in the future.

READING.—“How Long Must I Wait?” the story of a little Chinese girl who longed to go to school. Leaflet, 2 cents. Send to Mrs. Chapman.

PRAYER, for the students in American Educational institutions that they may respond, in increasing numbers, to the call of China's need.

RECEIVED.—Through the courtesy of Rev. E. G. Wellesley-Wesley, D. D., two new song books: “Good News Hymns,” compiled for a three years world-wide evangelistic tour of Dr. Henry and Prof. Butts (Biglow and Main Co., N. Y. Price, 10 cents), and “The King's Message in Song,” compiled for this winter's evangelistic work. (Published by Harry M. Ross, Connersville, Ind., Price, 10 cents). Both books include several hymns written by Dr. Wesley, so well known to HELPER readers. . . . “Gospel Text Calendar” for 1913. A large calendar to hang upon the wall, with a leaf for each month and a text for every day. Very clear, practical, helpful. (H. S. Hallam, Publisher, Berlin, Ont. Price, 25 cts.)A Treatise on the Faith and Practice of Free Baptists: American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia. . . .*The Free Baptist News*, official organ of the Southwestern General Conference of Freewill Baptists; Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Morris, Editors, Weatherford, Texas. Monthly, 50 cts. . . .Students' Hand-Book for Maine Central Institute, Pittsfield, Me. Published by the Christian Associations of M. C. I. An attractive booklet, packed with right-to-the-point information and helps for the students. . . .Catalog of The Bible Teachers' Training School, and *The Bible Record*, a monthly magazine published by the Training School, 541 Lexington Ave., New York City. Send 10 cts. for a single copy. Many prospective and returned missionaries are at this school, among them our own Dr. Mary Bacheler and Miss Coombs. . . .*The Mother's Magazine*, monthly, in which well known specialists give excellent advice and suggestions to mothers and teachers. David C. Cook Pub. Co., Elgin, Ill., \$1.00 per year. . . .The October number of the *National Magazine* was a special Maine edition, generously illustrated, setting forth the present progress and splendid possibilities of the Pine Tree State. 15 cts. a copy; \$1.50 a year. Chapple Pub. Co., Boston. . . .“The Vicar's Excursion,” by Du Bois H. Loux, “Dedicated to the church that proposes to be right and the men who would lend their aid.” Cloth, 159 pages. The Workers' Press, Duane St., New York City.

THE MISSIONARY HELPER BRANCH
OF THE
International Sunshine Society

Have you had a kindness shown?
Pass it on.
'Twas not given for you alone—
Pass it on.

Let it travel down the years,
Let it wipe another's tears,
Till in heaven the deed appears
Pass it on.

All letters, packages, or inquiries concerning this page or sunshine work should be addressed to Mrs. Rivington D. Lord, 593 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., president of this branch.



== Merry Christmas to each member of the HELPER Branch. May the Yuletide season prompt all to send Sunshine rays into more homes than ever before, so that those who are sick or in trouble may be made glad.

Mrs. Laura Murray of Reading, Michigan, an elderly woman who has been stricken with paralysis, can be cheered by letters, as she finds it very hard to be idle.

Miss Lilla E. Hunting of East Corinth, Maine, although a shut-in, is doing good Sunshine work. She has asked for crochet patterns for another, also baby clothes. Send direct to her.

Mrs. Marinda A. Bailey, 69 James street, Auburn, Maine, who is a cripple, would enjoy good cheer messages.

Miss Jennie M. Rowe, Route 3, Box 112, Presque Isle, Maine, an invalid, would like pieces of silk ribbon for pillow tops, the making of which help to pass away many lonely hours.

Sunshine received: Mrs. Cornelia Page gave one dollar as a thank offering for a return to health, Miss Harriet L. Parker has cheered others by helpful messages, flowers, etc. She sent a roll of two year subscriptions of the "Boys World" for us to pass on, and twenty cents in stamps for Christmas greetings. Miss Eva F. Buker, one dollar for Branch work. Mrs. Frank M. Grand and Miss Linnie M. Grant sent in packages of post cards. Poems, scripture mottoes and a white hair ribbon have been received from a Michigan member. Mrs. Mary B. Wingate has remembered us again with a gift of twenty-five post cards. Miss Maria Woolsey a gift of money "for the Sunshine work." Mrs. H. A. Ashley sent in her annual birthday gift of one dollar. Mrs. Asenath P. Wentworth, an active 86 year old member of our Branch, has given two dollars "to help some woman or child for a little sunshine." Mrs. William B. Alverson, one of the workers in the Needle Work Guild of America, devotes much of her time to the poor and shut-ins in Providence. She is also a worker in the I. S. S. Her latest gift was birthday cards. Mrs. Ella D. Orr sent in a package which contained two aprons, center piece, silk belt, work bag and unfinished fancy work. Mrs. A. M. Cousins a large number of various kinds of souvenir cards and the necessary postage stamps for the same. Mrs. M. G. Jones and Mrs. J. E. Stiles have also sent in a number of assorted postals. From "A Friend," one dollar, postage, cards and tracts. A Rhode Island member sent one dollar and a report of many kind acts. Two dollars has been received from "A Friend in New Hampshire." Will the giver accept our thanks. As no name accompanied the gift we cannot write a personal letter of gratitude. A box of fancy cards and papers from the "Junior Willing Workers," which have been given to children in the free wards of a City Hospital. Mrs. A. L. Hagar gave one dollar for our Blind Babies. Through Mrs. G. C. Waterman we have received two dollars and fifty cents from the visitors of the Home Department of the Laconia Free Baptist Church to be used for the Blind Babies. Mrs. Waterman gave one dollar for Sunshine work. Miss E. J. Small, two nice flannel skirts, five hair ribbons, and stamped cards. A month never passes but some members of the Branch are reminded of the work for the dear little blind children. Mrs. B. H. Rockwell and Mrs. Katherine Gordon of New Hampton, N. H., have been welcomed as new members of the HELPER Branch.

Practical Christian Living

"Our Father, my Father, make me conscious of my eternal sonship in Thee! Aid me with the joyful sense that Thou and I are partners in a common work. Give me that peace that adds strength for my task. And if the task grow harder, make me the more gentle, that I may live as I pray, seeking not to rival men but to uplift them; not to outshine them, but to shine for them. Inspire me with the courage that controls, not because it sees, but believes; and therefore knows that Thy work and mine must reach the final beauty of completion. Give me Thy love, the 'perfect love that casteth out fear.'"

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OUR QUIET HOUR

(10 A. M.)

Christmas Gifts

"What shall I give to Thee, O Lord? The kings that came of old Laid softly on Thy cradle rude Their myrrh and gems of gold.	"Thou knowest of sweet and precious things My store is scant and small; Yet were Thou here in want and woe, Lord, I would give Thee all."
"Thy martyrs gave their hearts' warm blood, Their ashes strewed Thy way; They spurned their lives as dreams and dust To speed Thy coming day.	There came a voice from heavenly heights: "Unclose thine eyes and see; Gifts to the least of those I love, Thou givest unto Me."

—Christian Union.

The Christmas Spirit

The advent of Christ makes us debtors to God and man. Many reverse the order and think of themselves as creditors, and everybody else as their debtors. It is not so much a question whether others are kind to us as whether there is love, gentleness, meekness, sympathy and helpfulness in our own lives, or not. Not so much, Am I appreciated, remembered and loved, as, Do I show myself friendly, make myself helpful, and do I love my neighbor as myself? Is the spirit of Christmas reflected and perpetuated by my life, not only on December 25th, but every day of each year of grace?

Christmas giving must resolve itself into Christ-like living from

Christmas-tide to Christmas-tide. Christ came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, to suffer and to die for others, even His enemies. What have we done for Him and for others?

The true Christmas spirit does not ask, "What will I get?" Rising far above that, out of gratitude for what has already been received, it asks, "What can I give to my Redeemer, who gave Himself for me, and what can I do for others, for His sake and the Gospel's?" That is the reincarnation of the Christ Spirit, and means exalting Him who said, "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto Me."—*Parish Visitor*.

Words from Home Workers

"O Father, Who dost notice every man's work, enable us to regularly do our best and then rest. Help us to happily take up our own tasks. Steady our tempers. Tame our tongues. Awaken our ambition. Enthuse our smallest activities. Lead us into all our open doors of usefulness, for the Great Master's sake."

WATCHWORD FOR 1912.

An Auxiliary in Every Church; The MISSIONARY HELPER in Every Home.

KANSAS.—The Northern Kansas Y. M. W. M. S. met with the Summit church, Oct. 4, 1912. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. N. L. Abbey. Scripture reading and prayer by Mrs. Delia Wolfe of Tecumseh, Neb. We then listened to a short but helpful program which was interspersed with music. A very interesting paper on City Missions, by Sylvia Wagelle, of Topeka, was read by Mrs. Beardmore.

Mrs. Mann then gave, "The Birds' Ministry," and Mrs. Clara Abbey, "The End of the Jericho Road." Offering, \$4.57.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. N. L. Abbey; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Elvina Reeves, both of Jamestown, Kansas. HELPER Agents, the Presidents of each Auxiliary.

(MRS.) ELVINA REEVES, Secretary.

OHIO.—On Oct. 1st, an all day Missionary meeting was held at the Baptist Parsonage in Albany. Forty-two were present and a very nice dinner was served. A box consisting of useful articles for the mission-

aries to use in their work was prepared and shipped to Miss Amy Coe, at Balasore, India. We valued the box at thirty-four dollars. Besides this, the Albany church has given about thirty-five dollars to be applied on Miss Coe's salary this year. The Sunday School gives the collection the first Sunday of every month to foreign missions. We have a good Sunday School, Home department and Cradle Roll.

Over two hundred dollars of repairs have been put on the church in the last two years. Most of it has been done by the Missionary Society. They give one-half of their dues and one-tenth of all the money they make to *foreign* missions.

(MRS.) W. W. CRABTREE.

RHODE ISLAND.—The following items are gleaned from reports of Junior Superintendents and Primary teachers in regard to work done for missions, by the children and young folks of Rhode Island. Eight shares are taken in Miss Barnes' salary. Forty-five dolls have been dressed and sent to India, besides many work bags, school bags, scrap books, etc. Two Bible women and two children are supported in India. At least two rooms have been furnished at Storer College. One class of boys give two cents each a week for missions. Many societies have a Mission Study hour each month, in which some one specially prepared gives instruction in an interesting manner. The Arlington School had a Livingstone program conducted entirely by a class of boys and young men who did everything themselves. It was a great success. A similar meeting is planned to be conducted by the girls. Contributions have been made toward the Chinese famine fund, also to the Blind Babies Home, Fresh Air Fund and local charities.

IDA N. WHITTEMORE,

Secretary of Children's Work for Rhode Island.

MICHIGAN, *Hillsdale*.—The Woman's Missionary Society, of the College Church, held its annual meeting at the home of Mrs. George Slayton, Tuesday evening, Sept. 10. The very interesting program on Young Woman's work, which Miss Helen Slayton had prepared, was well carried out by the Misses Ella Hewes, Avice Watkins, Shirley Rigdon and Marie Betts. The Home Land was beautifully sung by Miss Miller, accompanied by Mrs. E. A. Martindale. After the program, the president, Mrs. M. J. Coldren, who has seen more than 25 years of service on the foreign field, called for the annual reports. The recording secretary, Miss Salmon, gave a comprehensive resume of the programs, and reported a good interest and attendance. Mrs. Joy reported all save four members on the subscription list of the MISSIONARY HELPER. Mrs. D. W. Ward said there were twelve beautiful babies on the Cradle Roll. Mrs. Justin Andrus reported having paid out \$87.76 during the past year. Officers for the ensuing year were elected and the meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. George Myers.

Juniors

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A Christmas Song

Over the hills of Bethlehem
A white star hung one night;
The low, gray walls of the little town
All lay in a silvery light.

Over the hills of Bethlehem
Three wise men came from afar;
"Where is the baby King," they said,
"Who leadeth us by His star?"

Over the walls of Bethlehem
The great, white star hung low;
And they found the King on a man-
ger throne,
And the kine in a kneeling row.

Around the Baby of Bethlehem
The heavens once touched the
earth,
And choirs of angels came thronging
down
To carol the Saviour's birth.

Oh, where is the cradle of Bethle-
hem?
And where is the baby King?
Thy heart, dear child, is the cradle
throne,
And around it the angels sing.

And the King—the stars are under
His feet,
All worlds are within His hand,
And when thou art grown in the
grace of Him,
Thy heart—it shall understand.

—Selected.

Christmas Program

(Decorations suitable for the season.)

Children enter singing:—

"Once again the bells are ringing,
Hearts and voices join the song;
Peace and love and glad thanksgiv-
ing
To our Christmastide belong."

SCRIPTURE READING: Matt. 2: 1, 2, 11.

PRAYER: By children in concert:—

Before my words of prayer are said,
I'll close my eyes and bow my head;
I'll try to think to Whom I pray,
And try to mean the words I say;
Gentle Saviour, God of love,
Hear us from Thy throne above,
While we meet to praise Thee here
In our Mission Band so dear,
May the lessons taught today
Find us ready to obey;
Make us what we ought to be,
Lead Thy little lambs to Thee.
Amen.

LEADER: GENERAL TALK ABOUT CHRISTMAS, the sweetest holiday in all the year. How lovely that we know about it! How beautiful that we can help others to know about it!

Each boy and girl may give some interesting fact about how we are helping the children of India to know about Christmas. (The Superintendent will find many helps in the HELPER volume of 1912; March, page 81; May, page 135; June, pages 174 and 178; August, "Sterling's Dollar," page 231; Nov., page 349, and other reports. Have pictures of Sinclair Orphanage, groups of native children, Miss Barnes, Miss Gowen, with the "Brownie" and her American doll, Kindergarten Hall, etc. These can be found in HELPERS or obtained of Mrs. Chapman.)

SINGING: "Gospel Bells Are Ringing." (Have some tiny bells rung during the chorus.)

Leader: Gospel bells that we have helped to set ringing are heard in India, at Storer College and Barbados. Jesus is pleased with the offering that we bring, for He said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

RECITATION.—See poem in the Christmas Letter from the C. R. Secretary.

OFFERING, while children sing:—

"Little gifts for Jesus
Gladly now we bring,
While our happy voices
Praises to Him sing.

"'Tis the cheerful giver
Jesus loves to see;
So His cheerful givers
We would ever be."

Chorus:—

"Dropping, dropping, dropping, dropping,
Little gifts of love;
Jesus, now we pray Thee,
Bless our gift of love.

PRAYER.—By Leader.

(Souvenirs in shape of bells cut from bright-colored cardboard, edged with gilt, may be made. The names of the places where we are making Christmas bells ring may be written on the back.)—Adapted from program in *Mission Dayspring*.

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Receipts for October, 1912

MAINE

Alfred, B C Jordan for Asst Teacher with Miss I Estabrook	\$ 24 00
Eustis Center SS for Sinclair Orphanage	1 80
East Livermore Aux, Miss Coombs sal'y	5 31
East Otisfield Aux.	5 10
Lisbon Falls W M S	10 00
Ocean Park Aux, dues	2 00
Parsonsfield Q M, held with Limerick Church, for general work	5 00
W Falmouth Aux, Dom Sci Dpt Storer	\$ 4 00
Help'g Hands, for Miss Barnes	4 00
Mrs Ebenezer Knowlton, in Memoriam for Miss Coombs	20 00

NOTE—The Saco Cutts Ave Aux by its T O of \$44 02, enrolls as Life Members in F B W M Soc'y, Mrs Eva M Sawyer and Mrs Minnie Wood, both of Saco

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Canan Ch. for Miss Butts	\$ 4 00
Center Sandwich Aux, for C F	4 60
Chocorua, T O	9 36
Dover, H H and F M Soc, C R	6 66
E Rochester Aux, Miss Butts	9 50
Gonic Aux, Miss Butts	2 50
Gonic, L H Howe, for support of Dukhaha Nyack in S O	25 00
Loudon Ladies' Aid	5 00
Pittsfield Aux, dues	5 00
Portsmouth	10 00
E Rochester Aux, Bequest from Myra S Young, P F	200 00
Rochester Aux, Miss Butts	2 00
Rochester, C R	3 75
Somersworth Aux, for Bessie Peckham School	8 00

NOTE—The credit of \$50 for Storer College to Rochester Aux, in September receipts should have been to East Rochester Aux

VERMONT

Huntington Asso Coll	\$2 44
Wheelock Asso Coll	3 32

RHODE ISLAND

Chepachet F B S S, for share in Miss Barnes salary	\$4 00
Greenville C E Soc, for 1/2 year salary of Zenana teacher at Balasore	12 50

MICHIGAN

Batt'e Creek, Mrs Harriet Phillips Stone Quarterly remittance	\$25 00
Gobleville Aux, C F	4 00
Jackson F B Primary Dept SS, one share Miss Barnes salary	4 00
Bequest of Mrs E N (Cylinda) Douglas for Storer College, \$50, Sinclair Orphanage \$25, Kindergarten work \$25	100 00
Kinderhook Aux for Dr. B.	5 00
Litchfield S S for Miss Barnes	4 00
Ma on Aux for Dr. B	4 00
Mayville Aux Dr. B \$1.10 HM \$1.10 Ed 55c	2 75
Manton Aux Dr. B 62c HM 62c Ed 32c	1 56
Q M Coll Dr. B \$2 HM \$2 Ed \$1	5 00
Union Dr. B	1 50
Waverly CE for Dini in India	6 25
W Oshtemo Aux Dr. B \$1.20 HM \$1.20 Sto 60c	13 00

MINNESOTA

Brainerd F B W M S 1/2 HM 1/2 FM	\$10 00
Champlain Miss Soc'y for Bible Woman	15 00
Verona F M Soc'y for Storer	10 00
Winnebago, Mrs Lucy Phillips Durgin Helper Share	3 00

KANSAS

Jamestown Aux T O (to be used where needed most)	2 60
Total Receipts Oct. 1912	\$614 83
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